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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review: Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13.

Agency: Bureau of the Census.

Title: 1997 Census of Governments.

Agency Number: F-1, F-5, F-5A, F-11, F-12, F-13, F-21, F-22, F-25, F-28, F-29, F-32, F-42, D-1, E-2, E-3, E-6, E-7, E-9, EGO-3, EGO-4, EGO-6, EGO-7.

OMB Approval Number: None.

Type of Request: New Collection.

Burden: 170,017 hours.

Number of Respondents: 134,119.

Avg Hours Per Response: 1.27 hours.

Needs and Uses: This census provides government organization, employment and finance data for state and local governments. The data are used to calculate the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), to monitor the government sector of the economy, and to formulate, develop, and review public policy. The organization phase provides statistics on the number of local governments by type and by selected characteristics. The employment phase collects data on employment and payrolls of state and local governments. In the finance phase, the information relates to several aspects of state and local government public finance; revenues, including related property tax bases; expenditures by function and character; indebtedness and debt transactions; and case and security holdings. The 1997 Census of Governments excludes two portions of information collected in the 1992 quinquennial census; There will not be a taxable property value phase and the organization phase will exclude data relating to elected officials. In addition, there are two significant methodological changes; The reference date for the Employment phase will be March 12, 1997 instead of October 12, 1997 and all organization phase mail data will be obtained on joint employment/organization forms (EGO forms).

Affected Public: State, local or tribal government.

Frequency: Every five years.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 USC, Section 161.

OMB Desk Officer: Jerry Coffey, (202) 395-7314.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, Acting DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5312, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Jerry Coffey, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: December 19, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,

Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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Bureau of the Census

1997 Economic Censuses Classification Report; Proposed Agency Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before February 25, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information of copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to William Bostic, Bureau of the Census, Room 2641, Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20233-6100 and 301-457-2672 or E-mail at William.G.Bostic.Jr@Info.Census.Gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau is the preeminent collector of timely, relevant and quality data about the people and the economy of the United States. Economic data are the Census Bureau's primary program commitment during non-decennial census years. The economic census, conducted under authority of Title 13 U.S.C., is the primary source of facts about the structure and functioning of the Nation's economy and features unique industry and geographic detail. Economic census statistics serve as part of the framework for the national accounts and provide essential information for government, business, and the general public.

The 1997 Economic Census will cover virtually every sector of the U.S. economy. The Census Bureau will implement the new North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) in the 1997 Economic Census. The implementation of the NAICS as a replacement for the 1987 Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system will require contacting businesses to collect classification information to update the 1997 Economic Census mailing lists.

Accurate and reliable industry and geographic codes are critical to the Bureau of Census statistical programs. New businesses are assigned industry classification by the Social Security Administration (SSA). However, many of these businesses in manufacturing and mining cannot be assigned detailed industry codes because insufficient information is provided on Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form SS-4. In addition, many of these businesses when matched against the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) classification system cannot be assigned a detailed classification code.

In order to provide detailed manufacturing and mining industry data reflecting NAICS for the 1997 Economic Censuses and the Standard Statistical Establishment List (SSEL), these partially coded businesses must be assigned detailed classification codes.

This data collection, Form NC-9926, is designed to obtain detailed classification information for the partially coded single-unit manufacturing and mining industries including changes from the SIC to NAICS and provide current information on physical locations for establishments below the mail cutoff.

The failure to collect this classification information will have an adverse effect on the quality and usefulness of economic statistics and